AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

At Page 10, Line 13 add:

Figure 1a shows a cross-section of a wheel 1 according to a first embodiment. The wheel 1 comprises a hub 2 and a wheel rim 3. A tire 4 is held in place on the wheel rim 3 by means of circumferential flanges 5. The tire 4 is generally toroidal in shape and has a cross-sectional profile that is generally U-shaped. The arms of the U-shaped cross-section are defined by the sides 4a of the tire 4 and the base from which the arms extend are defined by the portion 4b of the tire that contacts the ground. The cross-sectional shape of the wheel rim 3, and in particular of the flanges 5, is such that the innermost part of the tire 4 (the innermost portion of the tire defined by the free end of the sides 4a of the tire 4) is held between opposing flanges 5 by means of the opposing innermost portions of the tire 4 being resiliently urged apart as a result of the shape of the tire 4 when in a relaxed state. The gap 6 defined between the innermost portion of the tire 4 and the wheel rim 3 is filled by means of an annular resilient rubber sealing element 7. Figure 1b shows a portion 10 of Figure 1a magnified for the sake of illustrating the shape of the sealing element 7 (which is not shown in Figure 1a for the sake of clarity). The sealing element 7 has a generally triangular cross-section. A first side 7a of the generally triangular shape follows the shape of the tire 4. A second side 7b of the generally triangular

shape follows the shape of the wheel rim 3. The third side 7c of the triangle follows the notional

surface that smoothly envelopes the wheel 1 in the region of the junction between the tire 4 and

the wheel rim 3. <u>The third side 7c extends between junction 7d of the first side 7a and the third</u>

<u>side 7c and junction 7e of the second side 7b and the third side 7c</u> The sealing element 7 thus

bridges the gap 6.